# COMMON COUNCIL ROADS COMMITTEE APRIL 4, 2025

The City of Noblesville Roads Council Committee met pursuant to public notice in the Council conference room at City Hall on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 8:02 a.m. Mark Boice, Todd Thurston and Megan Wiles were present. Pete Schwartz was absent.

Also present were Chief Deputy Clerk Nancy Bragg, Street Commissioner Patty Johnson, City Engineer Alison Krupski, Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann, and Engineering Project Manager Andrew Rodewald. Deputy Mayor Matt Light participated electronically via Microsoft Teams.

New information appears in red.

## 1. Federal Aid and State Aid Projects

#### a. Pleasant Street - Phase I

- i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$8.5 million in state funds for the project, which should be disbursed to the City by year end.
- ii. Punchlist work and landscaping are scheduled for completion in 2025.
- iii. Walnut Street work is underway
- b. Pleasant Street Phase II
  - i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$494,400.00 in state funds for the project.
  - ii. Work to stabilize soft soils will begin soon.
  - iii. There will be a full closure of Pleasant Street from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street during construction.
    - 1. There will be a full closure between 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
      - a. The closure will begin on or after April 15<sup>th</sup>.
      - b. The closure is expected to last 75 days.
      - c. The closure will not include 11th Street.
    - 2. The existing closure from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street will continue.
      - a. The closure is expected to continue through the end of the year.
    - 3. Detours are available at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Greenfield Avenue.
    - 4. The temporary signal at 16th Street and Greenfield Avenue will remain in place. Left turns are not allowed.
    - 5. Access to businesses and the Street Department will be maintained.
    - 6. 2022 traffic data show 10,400 vehicles per day.

# c. Pleasant Street - Phase III:

- i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$5,475,700.00 in state funds for the project.
- ii. Cherry Tree Road was closed permanently.
  - 1. 2022 traffic data shows average daily traffic of 2,400 vehicles per day.
- iii. Bridge work is scheduled to begin in April depending on temperatures.

- iv. A full closure of State Road 32 will be needed in 2025 for roundabout construction at the intersection of State Road 32, Hague Road, and the future Pleasant Street.
  - 1. Hague Road north of SR 32 is expected to close for 30 days in June.
  - 2. The intersection at State Road 32 and Hague Road is expected to fully close for 75 days beginning in July.
  - 3. INDOT's official detour will be on SR 38, but the City is investigating options for unofficial detour routes.
  - 4. Staff are working to begin the closure in May and adjust the detour route to 146<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - 5. 2022 traffic data show 21,000 vehicles per day on SR 32 and 18,000 vehicles per day on State Road 38 at Hague Road.
- v. SR 32 through Westfield will close on or after April 15th.

# d. Little Chicago Road Trail over Morse Lake

- i. The project area includes Elderberry Road to Carrigan Road.
- ii. The project was awarded to Pontem Contractors.
- iii. Final paving will begin mid-April and finish soon after.
- iv. Road closures and restrictions in 2024:
  - 2022 traffic data shows 10,000 vehicles per day on Little Chicago Road.
  - 2. Little Chicago Road has reopened to traffic.
  - 3. The Trail will open to pedestrians in spring 2025.
  - 4. An E-newsletter is being distributed.

## e. Olio Road between 146th Street and 156th Street

- i. Funds were awarded for State Fiscal Year 2027. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2026 and continue to the end of 2027.
- ii. The City was awarded \$7,710,202.00 in Rural State funds.
- iii. A new grant award of \$2.8 million was awarded for a roundabout at 156<sup>th</sup> Street and Olio Road, in a special safety call through INDOT.
- iv. Preliminary design is 60 percent complete. Initial meetings with utilities have been held.
  - 1. Duke Energy recently found an easement from the 1930s, so their relocation costs must be reimbursed.
- v. Letters were sent to adjacent property owners offering to meet and discuss the project. Staff have met with seven property owners to date. Staff have met with a few property owners multiple times.
- vi. Due to recent Executive Orders, the Federal Highway Administration is not signing off on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents to this level of impact, so right-of-way acquisition will be delayed.

## f. Boden Road and 166th Street Roundabout

- i. The award of funds was moved from State Fiscal Year 2026 to 2027 or 2028.
- ii. The City was awarded \$3.01 million in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) State funds for a 90 percent federal, 10 percent City cost share.
- iii. The Stage 2 design phase was submitted on December 1, 2022.

- iv. Duke Energy will need multiple years to move their lines, which necessitated delaying construction.
- v. Construction is planned for 2028 to allow for utility relocation.
- vi. A resolution for right-of-way acquisition was adopted by Council on February 28, 2025. Appraisals are beginning.
- vii. A key step in the environmental approval process was competed on March 31st.

# g. Boden Road between Beauty Berry Drive (Ruoff Music Center) and 156<sup>th</sup> Street (No Update)

- i. Funds were awarded for State Fiscal Year 2028. The award had been postponed to 2029 but recently was restored to 2028.
- ii. The City was awarded \$6,041,525.00 in rural project state funds, plus \$422,650.00 for right-of-way acquisition.
- iii. Stage 1 of the preliminary design is complete.
  - 1. Environmental review is ongoing.

# h. Highway Safety Improvement Program

- i. Sign Modernization Project
  - 1. The City received a new grant award of \$441,000.00.
  - 2. The project will replace regulatory and warning signs in "pre-1995 Noblesville".
    - a. The area includes Old Town, the Wellingtons, and the Harbours, among other neighborhoods.
  - 3. Construction will most likely take place in 2027.
  - 4. A design agreement was signed on February 28, 2025.
- ii. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Sidewalk Project
  - 1. The City received a new grant award of \$244,800.00.
  - 2. The project will install curb bump outs, ramps, striping, and signage on 10<sup>th</sup> Street to improve speed control and shorten crosswalks for pedestrian safety.
    - a. The project area is proximity to North Elementary on Wayne, Harrison, Monument, and Grant Streets.
    - b. Sidewalks will be completed over summer break. A formal crosswalk policy is still be formalized.
    - c. Staff wants to Partner with Homeowner's Associations street rehabilitation projects begin in each neighborhood.
  - 3. Construction will most likely take place in 2027.
  - 4. A design agreement was signed on February 28, 2025.

## i. Little Chicago Road and Carrigan Road Roundabout

- i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$1,633,915.00 for construction in Fiscal Year 2028.
- ii. The design contract will be presented to the Board of Public Works and Safety on April 29, 2025.

## j. 141st Street and Howe Road Roundabout

i. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) awarded \$2,002,400.00 for construction and construction engineering in Fiscal Year 2028.

## 2. Local Projects

#### a. 2025 Street Rehabilitation

- i. Contract I Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG)
  - 1. There was a new award of \$438,500.00 on November 7, 2024 for the remainder of eligible 2024 grant funds.
  - 2. The project will include a portion of West Haven and Lochaven east of Cherry Tree Road.
    - a. Informational meetings were held for Lochaven and West Haven. There were no significant concerns.

#### 3. Construction:

- a. Tree work is scheduled to begin April 15<sup>th</sup> in West Haven with Lochaven to follow.
- b. Concrete work will follow the tree work.

#### ii. Contract II

- 1. INDOT awarded \$1.5 million in Community Crossing Matching Grant funds on February 26.
- 2. The project includes portions of South Harbour and West Harbour, 161st Street, 191st Street, and Cumberland Road.
- 3. The contract is expected to be awarded on April 15 to Rieth-Riley Construction.

## iii. Contract III

- 1. This project will be funded locally.
- 2. The project includes a portion of Pine Knoll, Monterey Village, Sagamore, Wellington Heights, and 146<sup>th</sup> Street east of Boden Road to Prairie Baptist Road.
- 3. The bid opening will be in April.

#### b. Boden Road Corridor

# i. Segment 2 (156th Street to 166th Street) (No Update)

- 1. Preliminary 40 percent design is complete and includes the drainage masterplan and right-of-way limits.
- 2. Scoping and fees for the final design have begun.

# ii. Segment 3 (166th Street to SR 38) (No Update)

- 1. Preliminary 40 percent design is complete and includes the drainage masterplan and right-of-way limits.
- 2. Final design has begun and is being coordinated with the 166<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout project.
- 3. The utilities also are coordinating with the 166<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout project.
- 4. Right-of-way acquisition will coincide with the 166<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout project.
- 5. INDOT constructed a single-lane roundabout at SR 38, so Boden Road will have to reduce to one lane to match the roundabout. The Boden Road level of service is not affected.
- 6. Construction is scheduled for 2028, concurrent with the Boden Road/166<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout construction.

## c. Nickel Plate Trail (No Update)

- i. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded a Next Level Trails grant of \$3,130,000.00, to be paid as reimbursements.
- ii. Bridge over 146<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 1. Preliminary design alternatives have begun for a grade-separated crossing over 146<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - 2. Options are being investigated for connecting the Nickel Plate Trail to the Allisonville Road Trail at Wellington Parkway.

## d. Forest Park to Federal Hill Trail and Logan Street Drainage

- i. TRAIL: The trail will connect Forest Park to Federal Hill Commons. The selected alternative will construct a tunnel under the rail line at Forest Park.
- ii. DRAINAGE: The project will provide drainage along the former trolley line near the Nickel Plate rail line. The project will improve undrained and under-drained areas around Forest Park, Park Street, Legacy Christian School, and future redevelopment opportunities.
- iii. Construction:
  - 1. Work will begin near Logan and Nixon Streets the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. Lane restrictions will be necessary.
  - 2. The trail is scheduled for paving in early May.
  - 3. A decorative crosswalk will be installed across Logan Street. The goal is to install the crosswalk before the Farmers Market opens.

#### e. Innovation Mile - 141st Street

- i. 141st Street opened on February 27.
- ii. A one week closure was ongoing during spring break for the final asphalt coat and for a sanitary sewer crossing.
- iii. The area to be used as a secondary entrance and exit for the Arena at Innovation Mile will have signs and markings refreshed, as well as a portion of 146<sup>th</sup> Street between Olio Road and Prairie Baptist Road.

#### f. Embrace Downtown

- i. Refinement of the design and cost estimate is ongoing, and the schedule is being reviewed.
- ii. The project website is www.embracedowntownnoblesville.com.
- iii. A public open house was held at City Hall on March 27.
  - 1. Feedback from attendees was positive overall.
  - 2. The Council was asked to provide additional feedback to the Engineering Department by April 18.

#### g. Logan Street and Clinton Street Brick Rehabilitation

- i. Initial scoping of the project is planned for spring 2025 to determine limits and phasing of the project.
- ii. A design agreement will be presented to the Board of Works on April 15.

## h. 8th Street and Christian Avenue Roundabout (No Update)

i. Alternatives for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor will be presented to the Nickel Plate Trail steering committee for comment. The Nickel Plate Trail master plan will include the trail corridor from 146<sup>th</sup> Street to Downtown.

ii. Construction is currently scheduled for 2026 but is dependent on completion of the Nickel Plate Masterplan and construction of the Embrace Downtown project.

# i. Logan Street Corridor (No Update)

- i. The project will be limited to west of SR 19.
- ii. Preliminary engineering and alternatives analysis is planned to begin by the end of 2025.

# j. Little Chicago Road Corridor Improvements (No Update)

- i. The project will be limited to the section between SR 38 and Carrigan Road.
- ii. The project will be under contract with the Little Chicago Road and Carrigan Road roundabout project.
- iii. A scoping meeting with United Consulting was held on March 5.

# k. Carrigan Road and North Harbour Drive/Oakbay Drive (No Update)

i. Preliminary engineering and alternatives analysis is planned to begin by the end of 2025.

#### 1. Culvert at Greenfield Avenue over Wheeler and Wheeler Drain Arm

- i. Bids were opened on May 28, 2024. The bid was awarded to Midwest Paving on June 11, 2024.
- ii. Utilities relocation is underway and is scheduled to be completed by March 10.
- iii. A 30-day closure of Greenfield Avenue will be required.
  - 1. Construction began on April 1.
  - 2. 2022 traffic data shows average daily traffic of 6,681 vehicles per day.

## m. Mill Creek over Sly Run Regulated Drain (No Update)

- i. A trail will be constructed between Promenade and Promenade Woods, both Justus developments.
- ii. Hydraulic modeling shows a downstream culvert will limit hydraulic improvements.
- iii. The project has been scaled back to only widening the trail and not expanding the size of the culvert. The downstream property owner does not plan to develop the property. Downstream restrictions prevent size improvements to the culvert under Mill Creek Road.
- iv. Construction was moved to 2026 due to other closures in the area.

#### n. 156th Street over William Lehr Ditch

i. Preliminary design is planned to begin in late 2025. A consulting contract will be presented to the Board of Public Works and Safety on April 15.

## 3. Hamilton County Projects

#### a. 146th Street over Allisonville Road Interchange

- i. Left turns are prohibited at the intersection.
- ii. 2022 traffic data shows 13,000 vehicles per day on the north leg of Allisonville Road.
- iii. The project website is www.streamline146.com.
- iv. Lane closures on 146th Street will be used during the summer.

# b. 146th Street and Hazel Dell Interchange

- i. The project is scheduled to bid in May 2026
- ii. Utility work will begin in 2025.
- iii. The project website is <a href="https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1798/146th-St-Hazel-Dell-Pkwy-Interchange">https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1798/146th-St-Hazel-Dell-Pkwy-Interchange</a>.

# c. 146th Street and Gray Road Improvements

- i. Preliminary design is underway.
- ii. The County is still determining a construction schedule.

## 4. INDOT Projects

# a. SR 37 and 141st Street Interchange (No Update)

- i. Completion is expected by October 2026.
- ii. The project website is www.drivesr37.com.

# b. SR 37 through Noblesville (Greenfield Ave. to SR 32) (No Update)

- i. INDOT is heading the project with Noblesville partnership.
- ii. INDOT Memorandum of Agreement commitment:
  - 1. INDOT will produce 30 percent design for the intersections at SR 32 and Pleasant Street.
  - 2. There will be an 80/20 percent partnership for design and construction of a SR 32 and SR 37 interchange.
  - 3. INDOT has not committed to final design and construction of the other interchanges.

## iii. Interlocal Agreement with INDOT

- 1. The agreement will fund initial 30 percent design of an interchange at Greenfield Avenue.
- 2. The City will fund the contract, and the cost will count towards the City's 20 percent share of the larger project.

## iv. FY25 BUILD Grant (formerly RAISE Grant)

- 1. The application was submitted on January 30, 2025.
- 2. Notification is expected by June 28, 2025.
- v. INDOT's project website is www.sr37improvement.com.
- vi. Individual meetings with property owners and business owners are ongoing and have been positive so far.

#### c. SR 38/Logan Street Roundabout

- i. Letting is scheduled for January 2026.
- ii. Construction is planned for 2026.
- iii. The City has committed to acquiring the needed right-of-way, which will be included in the City's 50 percent share of the project.
  - 1. Right-of-way offers have been sent. There has been good communication with property owners so far.

#### d. SR32 Reconstruction through Westfield

- i. Construction is scheduled to begin on or after April 15.
- ii. There will be a full closure of SR32 in Westfield.

## e. SR 32 Added Travel Lanes

i. The project scope will be four lanes with medians from just west of River Road to East Street in Westfield.

- ii. INDOT has agreed to construct roundabouts at intersections.
- iii. Noblesville participation includes \$2 million for sidewalk construction.
  - 1. The right-of-way acquisition costs and dedicated right-of-way from proposed developments such as Midland Pointe will count towards the City's contribution to the project.
- iv. Bidding is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2027, with construction in 2028.
- v. INDOT's project website is <a href="https://improvetomove32.com">https://improvetomove32.com</a>.

# f. SR32 over White River - Bridge Painting

- i. The project is scheduled for bid and completion in 2026. (INDOT is evaluating the timing of the project.
- ii. The bridge would be closed for two nights from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., after staff negotiations to limit the closure times.
- iii. The project does not include work on the sidewalk or railing.

# g. SR 32 Road Reconstruction and Signal Project

- i. The project was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction, Inc.
  - 1. Punch list work remains to be completed, including reconstruction of the ramp at the northwest corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Conner to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Work has not yet been scheduled.
  - 2. INDOT will add a pedestrian crossing on the west side of SR 19 from the Riverview overflow lot to Federal Hill Commons.
  - 3. The project is scheduled for late April, weather permitting. Staff is asking INDOT to complete this before the Farmers Market opens.
- ii. INDOT's project website is <a href="https://www.reconstructingsr32.com/">https://www.reconstructingsr32.com/</a>.

# h. SR 38 and Hinkle Road

- i. INDOT has chosen to install traffic signals.
- ii. Construction has been scheduled for April 2025.
  - 1. Moontown Road is scheduled for a 45-day closure beginning April
  - 2. Hinkle Road is scheduled for a 45-day closure following the Moontown Road closure. Lane widening and turn lanes will be part of the project.
  - 3. SR38 will not be closed at any time.

#### 5. Discussion

Mr. Boice asked when construction of the roundabout at 206<sup>th</sup> and Hague Road would take place. Staff replied construction would probably begin in 2027 and is development based. Construction must begin no later than issuance of the 100<sup>th</sup> single-family home building permit per the Economic Development Agreement with the developer.

The next meeting will be on Friday, May 2, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

MARK BOICE, COMMITTEE CHAIR

EVELYN L. LEES, CITY CLERK CITY OF NOBLESVILLE